

## **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 17**

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92—Relative to nonprofit and philanthropic organizations.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

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This measure would designate the week of March 19 through March 25, 2006, as California Nonprofits and Philanthropy Week.

WHEREAS, One of the great strengths of California is the presence of vigorous nonprofit and philanthropic organizations that provide a private means to pursue public purposes outside the confines of either the market or the state; and

WHEREAS, Residents of California have joined together to form over 139,000 nonprofits, including more than 104,000 active charitable nonprofits under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 5,900 private foundations, and 26,000 religious groups, that employ over 900,000 people and receive and spend over \$150 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit and philanthropic organizations touch the lives of every person in California by serving people from all walks of life, socioeconomic groups, political orientations, ethnicities, ages, genders, and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Embraced within the nonprofit sector are some of our state's premier universities, hospitals, symphonies, museums, theaters, and grassroots groups as well as thousands of community organizations that channel our impulses for charity, justice, and compassion to serve the common good and support and empower those in greatest need; and

WHEREAS, One-half of all hospital care, most human services, a significant share of higher education, most low-cost housing, almost all arts and culture, and most social justice and environmental programs are provided by nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Over 15 million California residents volunteer three to five hours per week with nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, The 5,900 independent foundations, including 15 of the nation's largest independent foundations; 100 corporate foundations; and 29 community foundations, including seven of the nation's largest community foundations, with assets of more than \$60 billion, annually give \$3.6 billion in grants to California nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit social service and philanthropic organizations have helped millions of Americans get back on their feet, enabling them to become active, productive citizens; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance and value of nonprofit and philanthropic organizations; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims March 19 through March 25, 2006, as California Nonprofits and Philanthropy Week as presented by the California Association of Nonprofits and its Policy Council; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.